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WHEREAS by the Third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, concluded at *London* on the Nineteenth Day of *November*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, between His *Britannic* Majeſty and the *United States* of *America*, it was agreed, that it ſhould at all Times be free to His Majeſty's Subjects, and to the Citizens of the *United States*, and alſo to the *Indians* dwelling on either Side of the Boundary Line aſſigned by the Treaty of Peace to the *United States*, freely to paſs and repaſs, by Land or Inland Navigation, into the reſpective Territories and Countries of the Two Contracting Parties, on the Continent of *America*, (the Country within the Limits of the *Hudſon's Bay* Company only excepted) and to navigate all the Lakes, Rivers and Waters thereof, and freely to carry on Trade and Commerce with each other, ſubject to the Proviſions and Limitations contained in the ſaid Article: And whereas by the Eighth Article of the Treaty of Peace and Friendſhip, concluded at *Greenville* on the Third

Third Day of *Auguſt*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, between the *United States* and the Nations or Tribes of *Indians* called the *Wyandots*, *Delawares*, *Shawanoes*, *Ottawas*, *Chippewas*, *Putawatimies*, *Miamis*, *Eel River*, *Weeas*, *Kickapoos*, *Piankaſhaws*, and *Kaſkaſkias*, it was ſtipulated, that no Perſon ſhould be permitted to reſide at any of the Towns or Hunting Camps of the ſaid *Indian* Tribes as a Trader, who is not furniſhed with a Licence for that Purpoſe under the Authority of the *United States*; which latter Stipulation has excited Doubts whether in it's Operation it may not interfere with the due Execution of the ſaid Third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation; and it being the ſincere Deſire of His *Britannic* Majeſty and of the *United States* that this Point ſhould be ſo explained as to remove all Doubts, and promote mutual Satisfaction and Friendſhip; and for this Purpoſe His *Britannic* Majeſty, having named for his Commiſſioner *Phineas Bond*, Eſquire, His Majeſty's Conſul General for the Middle and Southern States of *America*, (and now His Majeſty's Chargé d'Affaires to the *United States*,) and the Preſident of the *United States* having named for their Commiſſioner *Timothy Pickering*, Eſquire, Secretary of State of the *United States*, to whom, agreeably to the Laws of the *United States*, he has entruſted this Negociation; they the ſaid Commiſſioners, having communicated to each other their Full Powers, have, in virtue of the ſame, and conformably to the Spirit of the laſt Article of the ſaid Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, entered into this explanatory Article, and do by theſe Preſents explicitly agree and declare, that no Stipulations in any Treaty, ſubſequently concluded by either of the Contracting Parties with any other State or Nation, or with any *Indian* Tribe, can be underſtood to derogate in any Manner from the Rights of free Intercourſe and Commerce, ſecured by the aforeſaid Third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, to the Subjects of His Majeſty and to the Citizens of the *United States*, and to the *Indians* dwelling on either Side of the Boundary Line aforeſaid; but that all the ſaid Perſons ſhall remain at full Liberty freely to paſs and repaſs, by Land or Inland Navigation, into the reſpective Territories and Countries of the Contracting Parties on either Side of the ſaid Boundary Line, and freely

freely to carry on Trade and Commerce with each other, according to the Stipulations of the ſaid Third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation.

This explanatory Article, when the ſame ſhall have been ratified by His Majeſty, and by the Preſident of the *United States* by and with the Advice and Conſent of their Senate, and the reſpective Ratifications mutually exchanged, ſhall be added to and make a Part of the ſaid Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, and ſhall be permanently binding upon His Majeſty and the *United States*.

In witneſs whereof, we the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* of *America*, have ſigned this preſent explanatory Article, and thereto affixed our Seals. Done at *Philadelphia*, this Fourth Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix.

P. Bond. (L. S.) Timothy Pickering. (L. S.)